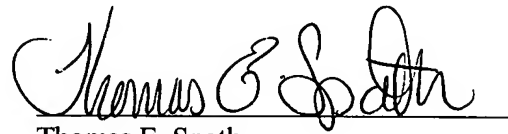


REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are entered to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims as originally filed. We also note that claim 1 was amended in the PCT examination stage and that, as a result, all claims were found to meet the novelty, inventive step and utility requirements.

Prompt action on the examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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